Enhancement of amount paid to Research Scholars

1561. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to enhance the amount of fellowship paid to research scholars from 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the case of scientists, doctors and others, similar concession have been allowed;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) when the final decision in the matter is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) A proposal to revise the value of the Junior and Senior research fellowships awarded by different agencies is under consideration of the Government. The details including the date of effect of the revision have not yet been finalised.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The decision is expected to be taken shortly.

Operational cost and maintenance expenditure on the imported Helicopter

1562. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 211 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 1988 and state what is the operational cost of each of the helicopter acquired by Helicopter Corporation of India (HCI and currently being used by it, taking into account, among other things, cost of the helicopter itself, depreciation, fuel, interest and maintenance and how does this cost compare with the income from each helicopter operation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): Based on 100 hours of utilisation per month the existing hourly cost of operation of the helicopters and the wet-lease rate charged by Pawar Hans Limited are as follows:—

	Westland	Dauphin
Cost of operations	Rs. 17,449/—	Rs. 13,518/—
Wet lease charges	Rs. 19,839/—	Rs. 15,286/—